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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS REPEATS U.S. ARTICLE LINKING U.S.

OFFICIAL TO CUBANA SUSPECTS

REF: GEORGETOWN 2135

1. THE GOG-OWNED DAILY "CHRONICLE" OF OCTOBER 27 REFERENCES THE RECENT "WASHINGTON POST" ARTICLE LINKING U.S. LEGATT IN CARACAS TO TWO VENEZUELAN SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRASH OF A CUBANA AIRLINER.

2. THE "CHRONICLE" ARTICLE PARAPHRASES THAT IN THE "POST" AND FOCUSES ON EMBASSY CARACAS' REMARK ON LEGATT'S ASSISTANCE TO RICARDO ON VISA MATTERS AND HIS ACQUAINTANCE-SHIP WITH POSADA. THE REPORT ALSO MENTIONS STORY ON EXPULSION OF THREE U.S. JOURNALISTS FROM VENEZUELA, AND SUPPOSED LINKS BETWEEN VENEZEULAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER RICARDO MORALES AND U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

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IT REFERS TO ORLANDO BOSCH AS "LEADER OF THE

UNITED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANISATION'S COMMAND (SIC), A MIAMI-BASED GROUP OPPOSING THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT."

3. THE ARTICLE, THOUGH NOT FRONT-PAGED, OCCUPIES NEARLY ONE FULL INTERIOR PAGE WITH THE PROMINENT HEADLINE "RICARDO IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH JOE LEO."

4. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL REACTION YET TO THE TRINIDADIAN DEPORTATION OF TWO SUSPECTS TO VENEZUELA. THE EVENT WAS REPORTED OBJECTIVELY IN THE GOG PRESS USING WIRE SERVICE DISPATCHES.

5. COMMENT: NOW THAT THE PROBLEM OF JURISDICTION HAS BEEN SOLVED, THE GOG IS APPARENTLY BEGINNING TO REFOCUS ATTENTION ON POSSIBLE U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRASH.
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